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**LIHEAP SERVICE PROVIDERS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Community Services Development Department – King Conf Room**  
**700 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95811**  
**February 7, 2008**  
**Time: 10am – 2pm**

**Conference Call Number – 1-888-447-7153 – pin number 5653559#**

1. Roll Call – Introduction of Guests – Approval of Minutes
2. Chair/Vice Chair Report
3. Director's Report
4. Update and Discussion-Asst. Director of External and Legislative Affairs
5. 2008 LIHEAP Program Year
  - Highlight of LIHEAP Local Plan and 2008 LIHEAP Contract Changes ECF Funding Release
6. LIHEAP Leveraging Incentive Funds
  - FFY 07 Leveraging Report Overview
7. Building Statewide Advocacy
8. Disaster Relief Preparedness
9. California Solar Initiative Update
10. Energy Automation Project Update
11. Solar Water Heating Pilot Update
12. 2008 Energy Work plan Prioritization
13. DOE Weatherization Program Update

Chair, Val Martinez called the meeting to order at 10:15 am and roll was taken.

**1. Roll Call:**

Maravilla Foundation  
Veterans in Community Service, Inc.  
Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino  
Central Coast Energy Services, Inc.  
Self Help Home Improvement Project  
Madera County Community Action Partnership  
Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission  
Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee  
Community Action Agency of San Mateo County  
Campesinos Unidos, Inc.  
Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino  
Community Action Partnership of Kern  
Kings Community Action Organization  
Community Action Agency of San Mateo County

Kings Community Action Organization  
Community Action Agency of Butte County  
CAL-NEVA  
Community Action Partnership of Riverside  
El Dorado County of Human Services  
Pacific Gas and Electric  
Community Action Partnership of Orange County  
Community Resource Project  
Community Action of Ventura County  
Great Northern Corporation  
Community Enhancement Services  
San Benito County Dept. of Community Services  
Redwood Community Action Agency  
Colusa-Glenn-Trinity Community Action Agency  
North Coast Energy Services  
Spectrum Community Services  
Glenn County Human Resource Agency  
Southern California Forum  
County of Nevada Community Development Agency  
Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency  
San Joaquin County Dept. of Aging Children's & Community Services  
Community Services & Employment Training  
Contra Costa County Community Services Department  
Department of Community Services and Development

**Conference Call:**

Modoc-Siskiyou Community Action Agency  
Department of Community Services and Development

**2. Chair/Vice Chair Report:**

Val Martinez discussed the "fair share" concept with respect to the utility companies (see handout). Louise Perez suggested that a master calendar be created of all the meetings that affect energy both inside and outside of CSD. The suggestion was made that this be done on the CSD website and have the providers e-mail the data to a mailbox set up at CSD. CSD could also create a bulletin board on the web to post information, questions, etc. for providers. CSD will explore options. Val discussed new procedures from the Department of Energy with regard to lead safe doors and windows. A draft proposal will be prepared by Val and she said that California has the most relaxed lead safe weatherization practices but, what we do makes sense and the Department of Energy is going overboard. Val informed the group that the Energy Conference will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona.

### **3. Director's Report**

Lloyd Throne announced Val Martinez as Executive Director of the Redwood Community Action Agency in Humboldt County. The Director reported on the California general fund deficit and explained that the State is in a deficit of 14.5 billion dollars, and that the problem is that currently there is no legal mechanism to prevent the State from spending more money than is received. He said the Governor had issued a directive to omit 10% from the general fund programs, for next fiscal year. The lobbying groups are not in favor of this. The budget hearings are currently going on and the Governor wants the State legislature to enact something by March 1, 2008. The Director also reported that even though CSD is largely federal funded, the same accounting flaws at the state level has impacted CSD's budget and that CSD is cutting back expenditures as well.

The Director a federal economic stimulus package given to the Federal Government was passed by the House and it has gone to the Senate. A recommendation for an additional one billion dollars for LIHEAP was submitted and voted down by the Senate. The Director stated that CSD was awarded \$6.9 million dollars in ECF funds on January 17, 2008.

The providers were informed that a new Energy Council had been formed by the Director. Members of this new council will be confirmed by the Director on February 8, 2008, and posted on CSD's website. The first meeting will be held on February 21, 2008 and every second Thursday thereafter. The Council has been charged with creating a priority list with CSD staff on handling energy issues, and will be tasked with providing leadership to the network and advice to CSD on important policy decisions.

### **4. Assistant Director of External and Legislative Affairs**

Helga Lemke reported that CSD is part of a super agency, Health & Human Services and that all super agencies are part of the executive branch of State government. She said that all the legislative analysis from CSD goes to Health & Human Services and then goes to the Governor's office. Only at this point can a Department take an official position on a bill. Helga also noted that the Governor will only support bills that are directly generated from the Governor's office. The Governor's position on bills that are generated from the legislature is neutral. Helga shared with the providers that CSD sat on an informational hearing on "Preventing Carbon Monoxide Poisoning." Jason Wimbley represented CSD.

Helga asked that if agencies receive media calls to please contact CSD so that staff can elevate significant concerns to the Governor's office.

She reported on the Task Force on Community Action Partnerships (San Bernardino, ACAP, Cal-Neva, CSET and CRP) and discussed the earned income tax credit program. She said that one billion is left on the table at the end of the year because people don't claim it due to lack of education about the program. The next subject discussed was the new CSD contract – Prisoner Re-entry Initiative administered with monies from the U.S. Department of Justice, which present possible collaborations with

and additional funding from the State Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Val mentioned that any time we can work with other State agencies it is a welcome opportunity for new funding resources. She encouraged the providers to help Helga with any new ideas. Val also suggested that CSD research the California Energy Commission and see if they could find out what money has fallen through the cracks and then has been returned back to State Controllers.

## **5. 2008 LIHEAP Program Year**

Jason Wimbley announced that the December LIHEAP draft was released and comments were received. The CSD energy staff met with ACCES and the LIHEAP Providers Task Force to field questions and concerns regarding the LIHEAP contract. Based on the input received, the department amended sections of the LIHEAP Contract in reference to: the LIHEAP Local Plan, submission of board minutes, conflict of interest, and cost reimbursement. Jason stated that matrix of amended language changes has been created for the 2008 LIHEAP contract. This can be found on the CSD website ([csd.ca.gov](http://csd.ca.gov)). He also said that the Emergency Contingency Fund survey was sent out. The ECF funds will supplement the 2008 LIHEAP contract and will be included with the initial contract and funding release.

## **6. LIHEAP Leveraging Incentive Funds**

Kathy Ely spoke about the FFY 07 leveraging funds. She said non-federal dollars were leveraged with LIHEAP funds. Kathy said CSD would get money back from U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services and that the application dates are not flexible. She also said that the typical award is three million and this is split among all the agencies that participated.

## **7. Building Statewide Advocacy**

Louise Perez from Community Resource Project spoke on Building Statewide Advocacy. She said the Green Jobs Bill had passed and we could put a task force together to try and capture some funds. She stated that the utilities give back lots of money under the LIEE program that could be spent by funding the LSP paperwork. Louise spoke about Santa Barbara and asked about using those dollars for rehab and also about bringing back the WEER program.

## **8. Disaster Relief Preparedness**

Tracy McBroom from CSD discussed the open Disaster Planning Committee recruitment. She instructed all those interest to send a letter of interest to her by the end of the month. She discussed that the Committee is currently working on training opportunities for the network as well as getting involved on some State level committees. She told the group that if anyone has questions to see her after the meeting.

## **9. California Solar Initiative Update**

Lynn Wiley provided an overview of the CSI program and the department's efforts thus far with exploring the feasibility of developing a program implementation model/design and whether the department will submit an application for the role of Program Manager.

Lynn stated that the rate payer funded initiatives would provide photovoltaic systems to low-income families. At the moment, the CPUC is conducting a 30-day public comment period on the Draft RFP for the single family low income solar initiative. The group discussed how CSD would go about applying for the solar initiative. Through the Energy Council, CSD will be working with a small task force to design a proposal for a solar program. It was also suggested that CSD send out a survey to the network to see what types of partnerships they have for financing. The biggest issue in financing the solar project is that currently the low-income applicant will need to take out a loan. Strongly considering the merits of smaller one kilowatt system as a more affordable system approach. Some possible financing options are: housing preservation grants, county building inspection program, Community Development Block Grant could be a possible partner and HOME program dollars could be used for rehab for owner occupied only residence.

## **10. Energy Automation Project Update**

Reneé Webster-Hawkins spoke on the Energy Automation Project. She said the Energy Council will work on a streamlined data reporting process – going back to the basics. She stated that Dennis Osmer has agreed to supply the ServTraqk system model to local providers that do not currently have it

## **11. Solar Water Heater Pilot Update**

Bill Warren's agency (BAPRC) has seen savings on both gas and electric solar water heater installations. An effort should be made to tap into the utilities to provide funding for these units. PACE will be installing solar water heaters in the first over multi-unit complex (3 units) owned by PACE. The Data Loggers should be in by Feb. 7, 2008. The information from the logger will get sent directly to the contractor who will then download the data and place it on their website which ACCES may retrieve with its' user ID and password.

## **12. 2008 Energy Work Plan Prioritization**

Jason Wimbley report that the next LIHEAP meeting would be held on May 1, 2008. The agenda will be posted on the CSD website. The next Energy Council meeting will be held on March 13, 2008 at CSD. Please e-mail Jason - [jwimbley@csd.ca.gov](mailto:jwimbley@csd.ca.gov) with any work priorities you would like the Energy Council to discuss.

## **13. DOE Weatherization Program Update**

Jason Wimbley reported that the DOE PY 2008 was \$6.2 million which represents an increase of 11/4%. Jason said that \$28K was rolled over from last year. The PY will be for the period of July 2008 through April 2009.